ign governments, I would like to know whether there was any success in it? could you explain our stand on the CTBT to the people of other nations using this channel? Finally, I would like *io* know whether it is a financially viable project.

SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Sir, it is a very ticklish question because , as far as this international channel is concerned, I have to accept that we have not achieved anything out of it. Now I am thinking whether we should continue it or stop it.

सर, इंटरनेशनल चैनल में होता क्या है कि अगर हम इंटरनेशनल चैनल दे भी दें तो जब तक वहां के लोकल केबल आॅपरेटर्स उसको नहीं दिखाते हैं तो लोग उसको देखते नहीं हैं। My Ministry is thinking whether we can continue this or we can stop this.

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालियाः कुछ सर्वे हुआ है उसका?

श्री सी० एम० इब्राहीमः सर्वे शुरू करवाया है।

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालियाः आप परफारमेंस दिखाते हैं हरेक प्रोग्राम की, इंटरनेशनल चैनल की भी दिखाइए।

श्री सी० एम० इब्राहीमः मैंने कहा है कि इसका सर्वे करें और इसकी डिटेल्ड रिपोर्ट पेश करें। वह रिपोर्ट आने के बाद जल्द से जल्द इस पर कार्यवाही की जाएगी।

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, the question is whether there arc any proposals to telecast live social, political and cultural activities in the country. I would like to put this supplementary. The most important political and cultural activities in the country are taking place in the courts now because there is so much of judicial activism going on. I would like to know whether there is any proposal in the Ministry to telecast live proceedings in the major courts in the country—the Supreme Court and the High Courts—as they have been doing in Parliament.

SHRI CM. IBRAHIM : Sir, as it is, there is no such proposal before the Government.

श्री रामजीलालः सभापति महोदय, सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री ने कहा है कि दूरदर्शन के पास समाचार वाचन को छोड़कर देश में आयोजित सामाजिक, राजनैतिक और सांस्कृतिक गतिविधियों का सीधा प्रसारण करने के कोई नियमित साधन नहीं हैं और दूसरे प्रश्न के उत्तर में उन्होंने कहा है कि प्रश्न नहीं उठता। मैं आपके माध्यम से माननीय मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहता हूं कि इसका दूसरा रास्ता क्या है? राजनीतिक, सामाजिक और सांस्कृतिक गतिविधियों का किस प्रकार से प्रसारण किया जा सकता है?

श्री सी० एम० इब्राहीमः माननीय सभापति महोदय, मैंने कहा है कि न्यूज के अलावा और भी दूसरी सोशल ऐक्टीविटीज़ हम दिखा रहे हैं। मैंने यह नहीं कहा है कि दिखा नहीं रहे हैं। मेरे विचार में काफी ऐक्टीविटीज़ हम दिखा रहे हैं, पोलिटिकल ऐक्टीविटीज़ दिखा रहे हैं, सोशल और कल्चरल ऐक्टीविटीज़ दिखा रहे हैं, स्पोर्ट्स दिखा रहे हैं और दूसरी चीजें दिखा रहे हैं।

श्रीमती वीणा वर्माः मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से निवेदन करना चाहती हूं कि पिछले 5 वर्षों के अंदर दूरदर्शन का नेटवर्क बहुत बढ़ गया है। पहले हम केवल कुछ घंटों का प्रसारण करते थे लेकिन अब चैनल भी बढ़ गए हैं और घंटे भी बढ़ गए हैं लेकिन दूरदर्शन संवाददाताओं की संख्या घटती चली जा रही है। एक तो इनकी नियुक्ति का कोई क्राईटीरिया नहीं है। देखा गया है कि कई बार ऐसे ही एड्होक अपोइंट करते हैं, फिर उसके बाद उनको रेग्यूलर करने की कोशिश करते हैं। कितने संवाददाता बढ़े हैं और उनके प्रशिक्षण का क्या नेटवर्क है और संवाददाताओं की संख्या क्या है?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Setting up of family courts in States

*185. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of States have not set up family courts in consultaion with their respective High Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for which family courts have not been set up in these States; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that sufficient number of family courts are set up throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPTT. OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEP1T. AND DEPTT. OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) Family Courts have been set up in 11 States and one Union Territory viz. Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Orissa, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and the Union Territory of Pondicherry. The States of Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal, Haryana, Gujarat, Tripura, NCT of Delhi and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have agreed to the setting up of Family Courts. The State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram and the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Chandigarh have expressed their inability to set up family Courts for various reasons like a City or Town not having one million population, adequacy of existing customary laws/institutions operating in their areas and also because the number of cases arising out of matrimonial disputes are being ex-peditiously disposed of. The matter is receiving attention in the State of Punjab.

Outstanding overdue of Loans

*186. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the outstanding overdue of loans of all the nationalised banks and other financial institutions exceed more than 17 thousand crores; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so far in the matter to recover the loans?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total outstanding overdue of loans (Non Performing Advances) of the 18 nationalised sector banks and financial institutions as at the end of 31.3. 96 as reported by Reserve Bank of India, is given below:

	(Rs. in crores)
Nationalised Banks	25302.26
Financial institutions (excluding loans guaranteed by the Government/ECGC)	10815,00

(b) Government and Reserve Bank of India have been impressing upon the banks the need to strengthen their Credit Appraisal Machinery and exercise close supervision and control over advances. Banks have also been advised to set up Rcovery Cells at their Head Offices. Branch wise target are fixed by the banks for recovery of Non Performing Advances (NPA) and the performance of the branch in recovery is to be monitored at Head Office level on monthly basis by the Chief Executives. The Board of Directors is also kept informed about the progress in recovery of quarterly intervals. In the targets of recovery, reduction of NPAs are fixed by RBI for individual nationalised banks after due deliberations with banks' top management. These are monitored by RBI through periodic meetings with top management of banks.

Proposal to Implement the recommendation of Goswami Committee ,on Electoral Reforms

*187. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement the recommendations of Goswami Committee on Electoral Reforms; and

(b) if so, which particular recommendation Government propose to implement and within what time frame?